

Najib Opens Rebuilt Surau At-Taqwa in Setapak
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KUALA LUMPUR, June 17 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak today performed Friday prayers at the Surau At-Taqwa in Setapak that has been rebuilt to accommodate a bigger number of worshippers.

Najib arrived at the surau at 1.25pm and joined more than 1,000 people for the prayers led by Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Jamil Khir Baharom.

Surau At-Taqwa was rebuilt at a cost of RM4.5 million and can accommodate 1,500 worshippers compared to less than 1,000 previously.

Najib signed a plaque in a symbolic opening ceremony and handed a tithe donation from Uda Holdings Bhd to 500 poor people from the Wangsa Maju parliamentary constituency.

Uda Holdings Bhd chairman Datuk Mohd Shafie Abdullah and Department of Islamic Development Malaysia (Jakim) director Datuk Othman Mustapha were also present.

Meanwhile, Surau At-Taqwa chairman Datuk Azmi Che Mat said the rebuilding of the 41-year-old surau began in August 2013, and it was used again for prayers beginning last Feb 1.

"The surau management is thankful to the government for having approved its application for upgrading and extension due to an increase in the Muslim population in the area," he told Bernama.

The three-storey surau has, among others, a main prayer hall, reading room and meeting room. – BERNAMA

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